CONDESCENDENCE

FOR

Alexander Brown Merchant in *Edinburgh*, of Facts he offers to prove in the Complaint exhibited by him, againſt *Robert Bull* Merchant in *Leith*.

YOUR Lordſhips, upon hearing my Complaint, were pleaſed, on the 4th inſtant, "to ordain me to give in to the Clerk of the Proceſs, a particular "Condeſcendence of the Times when, Places where, and Perſons to "whom the injurious Expreſſions were ſaid." In obedience whereunto I humbly condeſcend as follows.

That, upon the 24th of *December* laſt, *Robert Bull*, ſtanding upon the Street of *Edinburgh*, with *John Spence* Merchant in *Edinburgh*, and *Henry Spence* Writer there, told them, That I had brought myſelf under a Lock, and if they would go into the *Coffee-Houſe*, he would ſhew them what a Man I was. That they, alongſt with Bailie *John Wilſon*, accordingly went into the *Laigh Coffee-Houſe*, where Mr. *Bull* told them I had ſet forth, in my Anſwers to his Bill of Suſpenſion, that I was an onerous Purchaſer of the Bill mentioned in the Complaint; and that, when I appeared before the Lord Ordinary, after making Faith, I there affirm'd I had paid Value for the Bill, and that the Aſſignation was for my own Behoof, and not for the Behoof of *Roger Hog*: That, when my Oath was writing out, and a good Way advanced, it occurred to the Lord Ordinary to enquire for the Correſpondence betwixt *Roger Hog* and me, and a Letter was produced, which proved the Bill to be in Truſt for *Roger Hog*, whereby it appeared to the Lord Ordinary, and to every Perſon preſent, that I was perjured, and that the Lord Ordinary had ſo ſtrong an Impreſſion of this, that he refuſed to finiſh the Depoſition: That the next Day, after the Excerpts from my Copy-Book of Letters were produced and read to the Lord Ordinary, his Lordſhip was pleaſed to ſay to Mr. *Bull's* Agent or Lawyer, he would have laid the Matter before the Lords immediately, if it had not been the laſt Day of the Seſſion, when they were hurried, but would be ſure to do it the firſt Sederunt Day of *January*, and that the Delay could be of no Loſs to Mr. *Bull*: That I was a Fool, as well as a Knave, after deponing in theſe Terms, to produce Evidence which clearly proved I was deponing a Falſhood. After telling this circumſtantiate Story to theſe Gentlemen, they went all together to a Tavern, *viz.* to the Houſe of *Robert Clark* Vintner, where were alſo preſent *James Spence* Writer in *Edinburgh*, and *Robert Campbel* late Merchant there, where the Affair was reſumed, and the Story told circumſtantially over again, and the Excerpts read to the Company; and afterwards, *William Hog* Merchant in *Edinburgh* coming into the Company, the whole was again reſumed, and told to him: That ſome of theſe Gentlemen told Mr. *Bull* they could not but acquaint me of what he laid to my Charge. To which he anſwered, They were very welcome, for it was nothing but Truth. And that this was not an overly Head of Converſation in the Company, is evident from this, that the Gentlemen were taken in of Purpoſe to hear it, and the Converſation laſted above an Hour.

This is the Time Mr. *Bull* did accuſe me, and which ſome of the Gentlemen preſent did acquaint me of; but he did not reſt here; for, as I am informed, he, much about the ſame Time, told the ſame Story to *George Campbel* Wright in *Edinburgh*, *William Tod junior*, Merchant there, *John Parkhill* in the Exciſe-Office, and *Richard Tod* Merchant in *Leith*, and added he was determined to expoſe me, by publiſhing it to the World, and would print the Letters for that Effect; that he would not paſs me for 300 Guineas, and it was fortunate for me the Oath was not ſigned.

Theſe are the Gentlemen that I have come to the Knowledge were told this Story directly by Mr. *Bull* himſelf; and tho' I cannot condeſcend upon more Particulars at preſent, yet I am well aſſured that Mr. *Bull* has been very active in publiſhing this Story, ſo that now I believe it is through all the Country.

HEN. HOME.